Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

7. (New) Apparatus comprising: a ringed tubular sheath which is slit along a longitudinal cut in the sheath, the sheath having a longitudinal strip of the sheath constructed of flexible material and occupying an angular position of between 5 and 180 degrees in relation to the longitudinal cut or occupying that region of the sheath in which said longitudinal cut is made.

8. (New) The sheath according to claim 7, wherein the flexible material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

9. (New) The sheath according to claim 7, the sheath comprises at least a portion which is flexible material and wherein the longitudinal cut in the sheath is in the flexible material and the the cutl is orientated on a slant.

10. (New) The slit tubular sheath according to claim 7, wherein the region of the sheath made of flexible material in which the longitudinal cut is located comprising a longitudinal, continuous, non-ringed narrow tongue which is arranged on one of the edges of the slit and accommodated at the level of the trough of the corrugations of the sheath.

11. (New) A method of manufacturing, by the extrusion of plastic material, a sheath of a type having a ringed tubular sheath which is slit along a longitudinal cut in the sheath, the sheath having a longitudinal strip of the sheath constructed of flexible material and occupying an angular position of between 5 and 180 degrees in relation to the longitudinal cut or occupying that region of the sheath in which said longitudinal cut is made.

12. (New) A method of manufacturing according to claim 11, comprising a ringed tubular sheath which is slit along a longitudinal cut in the sheath, the sheath having a longitudinal strip of the sheath constructed of flexible material and occupying an angular position of between 5 and 180 degrees in relation to the longitudinal cut or occupying that region

of the sheath in which said longitudinal cut is made, wherein the flexible material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

13. (New) A method of manufacturing according to claim 11, comprising a ringed tubular sheath which is slit along a longitudinal cut in the sheath, the sheath having a longitudinal strip of the sheath constructed of flexible material and occupying an angular position of between 5 and 180 degrees in relation to the longitudinal cut or occupying that region of the sheath in which said longitudinal cut is made, wherein the longitudinal cut in the sheath which is made in the strip of flexible material is orientated on a slant.

14. (New) A method of manufacturing according to claim 11, comprising a ringed tubular sheath which is slit along a longitudinal cut in the sheath, the sheath having a longitudinal strip of the sheath constructed of flexible material and occupying an angular position of between 5 and 180 degrees in relation to the longitudinal cut or occupying that region of the sheath in which said longitudinal cut is made, wherein the region of the sheath made of flexible material in which the longitudinal cut is located comprises a longitudinal, continuous, non-ringed narrow tongue which is arranged on one of the edges of the slit and accommodated at the level of the trough of the corrugations of the sheath.

15. (New) A device for implementing a method according to claim 11, including a step of using an extrusion head having an insert for positioning the co-extrusion in abutment against a die so as to block the flow of extruded plastic material and permit the flow of the elastomer material.

16. (New) A device for implementing a method according to claim 12, including a step of using an extrusion head having an insert for positioning the co-extrusion in abutment against a die so as to block the flow of extruded plastic material and permit the flow of the elastomer material.

17. (New) A device for implementing a method according to claim 13, including a step of using an extrusion head having an insert for positioning the

co-extrusion in abutment against a die so as to block the flow of extruded plastic material and permit the flow of the elastomer material.

18. (New) A device for implementing a method according to claim 14, including a step of using an extrusion head having an insert for positioning the co-extrusion in abutment against a die so as to block the flow of extruded plastic material and permit the flow of the elastomer material.